AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It should be appreciated that the present invention can be implemented in numerous ways, including as a process, an apparatus, a system, or a computer readable ~~medium such as a computer readable~~ storage medium ~~or a computer network wherein program instructions are sent over optical or electronic communication links~~. It should be noted that the order of the steps of disclosed processes may be altered within the scope of the invention.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In addition, embodiments of the present invention further relate to computer storage products with a computer readable medium that contains program code for performing various computer-implemented operations. ~~The computer-readable medium is any data storage device that can store data which can thereafter be read by a computer system.~~ The media and program code may be those specially designed and constructed for the purposes of the present invention, or they may be of the kind well known to those of ordinary skill in the computer software arts. Examples of computer-readable media include, but are not limited to, all the media mentioned above: magnetic media such as hard disks, floppy disks, and magnetic tape; optical media such as CD-ROM disks; magneto-optical media such as optical disks; and specially configured hardware devices such as application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs), programmable logic devices (PLDs), and ROM and RAM devices. ~~The computer-readable medium can also be distributed as a data signal embodied in a carrier wave over a network of coupled computer systems so that the computer-readable code is stored and executed in a distributed fashion.~~

Examples of program code include both machine code, as produced, for example, by a compiler,

or files containing higher level code that may be executed using an interpreter.--